

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph starting on page 22, line 29 and ending on page 23, line 9, with the following:

When the user clicks the “ok” button 450 in the user interface 400, the user interface 400 transmits to the crawler 230 a list of fields to be indexed, and a desired rate of advance through the business data database 230. The receipt of the metadata fields to be indexed is illustrated by step 302 in FIG. 3. The receipt of the rate of crawl is illustrated at step 303. The receipt of these two features starts the crawler 210 accessing, and retrieving the information stored in the fields of business data database 230. The progress of the crawler can be viewed through the progress bar 430 of the user interface 400.

Please amend the paragraph starting on page 33, line 17 and ending on page 34, line 5 with the following:

The user then reviews the results, and can select one of the results to view more details. This process is illustrated at block 522 of FIG. 5. In one embodiment, the user clicks on the hyperlink representing the desired record to view. An example of the link is illustrated at 606 in FIG. 6. The search engine 250 then accesses the record in the business data database 230 corresponding to the selected record. The record is then displayed to the user through the user interface device 260 in a predetermined manner. This is illustrated at block ~~524~~⁵¹⁴. Of course if portions of the record contain information or fields the user is not allowed to view, the search engine 250 will exclude that record from the display. Alternatively, the user may be provided only with the information contained in the index table 240. However, this may not give the user the most current data for the record, depending on when the record was last indexed by the crawler 210.